

WOMEN'S BAR NEWS

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As Charles Dickens wrote, "It was the best of times; It was the worst of times". I don't know about you, but one minute I am vowing to turn off the news and shut down my social media and the next I am peeking at the headlines and sharing links on Facebook. Within a single hour, I find that I just can't talk about it anymore only to end up where I just can't stop talking about it. I am exhausted. I am frightened. I am confused. But more than anything, I am exhilarated. Women's issues are in the news, grassroots efforts are trending, and women are working together.

The truth is, we became complacent in believing that our progress was irreversible and that our rights were secure. Lots of women paved the way for us and none of us underestimated that it took hard work. But I think somewhere along the way, we forgot that it takes even harder work to keep that road open. This is the legacy we have inherited and this is responsibility we each have. Today we aren't just fighting for equal pay and job satisfaction. Now we are once again fighting for civil discourse, respect and our constitutional rights. I never thought that in my lifetime we would again be talking about how there is never a justification for joking about sexual assault.

As women, we are often accused of being judgmental and not as supportive of each other as we need to be. I think there is truth in that accusation. Madeleine Albright reminded us at the Rita C. Davison award dinner, "When you reach that glass ceiling, remember not to kick the ladder away."

But I also think that much of our shortcomings are really a by-product of our complacency over the years. It was too easy for us to buy into the belief that the hard work was already done by the women before us and fighting for our rights just wasn't relevant anymore. The problem is, that as much as we want to believe that, it just isn't true. Eleanor Roosevelt once said that "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water". We are figuring that out right now. Although today's rhetoric is out of the dark ages, we as women are not. Because of our predecessors, we are in a more powerful position than ever before - personally, politically, and financially. Today we are harnessing our collective power and working together as we have not done for years...and the world is watching.

We all have talents, interests and gifts. We all have ways we can get involved; sign up for bar activities, make phone calls to your representatives, attend a march, volunteer with women's organizations, write a blog, take a pro bono case for a woman who really needs your help, or just be more supportive of each other. We will still have moments of complacency and days when we just want to pull the covers over our heads, but if we do something, we will also speak with a collective voice, feel our collective power and become exhilarated. Etta Maddox, Belva Lockwood, Susan D. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug ... they all did something to get us this far. Now it's our turn to pick up the ball and carry it forward for the next generation. Perhaps it is the best of times after all.

Zoa Barnes

President

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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH 2017

MARCH 6

Howard County Chapter's
March Luncheon "Working with
High Conflict Clients"

11:30 a.m.

Eggspectations

6010 University Boulevard,
Ellicott City

MARCH 9

Montgomery County Chapter's
Happy Hour

5:30 p.m.

Trapezaria

11 N. Washington Street, Rockville

Harford County Chapter's
Amazing Glaze Fundraiser

5:00 p.m.

Amazing Glaze at the Festival

5 Bel Air S. Parkway, #107, Bel Air

MARCH 14

Montgomery County Chapter's
Monthly Meeting

12:30 p.m.

MCCC North Tower, 3rd Floor

Judicial Conference Room

250 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

MARCH 17

Maryland Association for Justice
"Women in Trial: Getting and
Holding Your Seat at the Table"

9:00 a.m.

Lord Baltimore Hotel

20 West Baltimore Street,
Baltimore

MARCH 21

Howard County Chapter's
Second Annual Judicial Reception

5:30 p.m.

Ellicott Mills Brewing Company

8308 Main Street, Ellicott City

MARCH 23

Harford County Chapter's
Planning Meeting

12:00 p.m.

Tower Restaurant

29 South Main Street, Bel Air

MARCH 28

Harford County Chapter's
National Women's History Month
Celebration

5:00 p.m.

Liberatore's

562 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air

MARCH 29

Bar Association of Baltimore City
Conference on Implicit Bias in the
Courtroom and ABA Resolution
on Implicit Bias in Law Firms and
Corporations

11:00 a.m.

University of Baltimore School of

Law John and Frances Angelos

Law Center, Moot Court Room

1401 N Charles Street, Baltimore



APRIL 2017

APRIL 11

Montgomery County Chapter's
Monthly Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Conference Call

APRIL 22

Montgomery County Chapter's
"Preparing for Success Program"

10:00 a.m.

Montgomery College,
Germantown

20200 Observation Drive,
Germantown

APRIL 27

Montgomery County Chapter's
Take Your Child to Lunch Program

AMP by Strathmore

11810 Grand Park Avenue, North
Bethesda

Details to Come

APRIL 28

Harford County Chapter's
Spring Gala

Maryland Golf & Country Club

1335 East MacPhail Road, Bel Air

Details to Come

MAY 2017

MAY 5-6

Annual Meeting

Tidewater Inn

101 E Dover Street, Easton

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2017 Annual Meeting will take place on May 5, 2017 and May 6, 2017 at The Tidewater Inn in Easton, Maryland.

Additional details to follow.

If you are interested in sponsorship or can help us coordinate sponsors please see the flyer below.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Women's Bar Association of Maryland, Inc.

ANNUAL MEETING 2017

Tidewater Inn, Easton, Maryland

May 5-6, 2017

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Welcome New Members!

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Victoria Lee	

This list reflects new members who joined the WBA since November 2016.

Thank You to Members for Supporting the WBA!

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Rita C. Davidson Award Dinner

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WBA MEMBER NEWS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER

Thank you to all who attended our Chapter's Happy Hour at All Set Restaurant and Bar in Silver Spring on October 18, 2016 and a HUGE thank you to Aindrea Conroy, Mary Ellen Flynn, and "All Set" for collaborating and planning this spectacular chance to drink, eat, and mingle with old and new friends.

Thank you to all who attended the Montgomery County WBA's 17th Annual Judicial Reception on November 1, 2016 and a HUGE thank you to Roz Tang, Kristina Badalian, Christina DeVault, Brianne Paugh and the onsite team of volunteers who put so much time and effort into the planning and executing this must-attend and most fabulous event. I also want to recognize all of the members of the bench who were able to join us—thank you!

Thank you to all who joined us for our Annual Holiday party on December 14th at Susan Oldham's beautiful home. It was a simply delightful affair and, I think all would agree, just the thing to get you in the mindset of the season. I would be remiss if I did not say Thank You to Susan for being such a gracious and kind hostess! And, a huge Thank You also to Leah Morabito who planned and executed the party with such fanfare! A most special thank you to everyone who donated to Rainbow Place - WE REACHED OUR GOAL! As a result of everyone's generosity, we raised \$2,000 in general donations and our WBA Chapter matched an addition \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000! Fantastic!

Thank you to all who attended our January 19th Happy Hour hosted by Theresa Taylor, Realtor with Keller Williams Capital Properties, at Gordon Biersch in Rockville. Those who attended enjoyed delicious appetizers, drinks, and spirited conversation. Thank you to Aindrea Conroy, our Social Chair, for working with Theresa to plan this event!



Montgomery County WBA's 17th Annual Judicial Reception on November 1, 2016

We are starting off the year on a particularly high note! We are proud and happy to announce that Governor Hogan has recognized two of our own for recent judicial appointments: Having served as an Administrative Law Judge since 2004, Marina Lolley Sabett has been elevated to Associate Judge to the District Court for Montgomery County. Governor Hogan also announced the appointment of Sherri D. Koch, of the Montgomery County States Attorney's Office, as Associate Judge to the District Court for Montgomery County. Congratulations to Judge Sabett and to Sherri on these well-deserved appointments!

I have a few **SAVE THE DATES** to pass along:

- Thursday March 9th, 2017, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we will have a Happy Hour to celebrate Judge Sabett and Sherri's appointments to the District Court. Location and other details will be forthcoming in our February and March Museletter.
- Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. our Foundation

will host "Preparing for Success" at MC-Germantown. This program is designed to address the challenges facing our at-risk high school students. Our topic this year is titled: Success in Safety. This town hall discussion will feature a keynote speaker and presenters on topics such as The Cannots of Cannabis, Safety in the Era of Social Media, Drive to Stay Alive and Busting Myths of Police Encounters. The program will also include a parent's session that covers the same topics. We will provide light breakfast and a light lunch

- Thursday, April 27, 2017 – Take Your Child to Lunch Program- Details to follow!

As always, please check out our website at www.Mocowba.com, keep an eye on the listserv, and be sure to check out our Facebook page and Twitter feed (@MoCoWBA) for information on all of our upcoming events.

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W B A C H A P T E R N E W S



Howard County Women's Bar Association bags cookies during their annual cookie bake. The cookies were for the Movable Feast in Howard county.



WBA Mission Statement

The Women's Bar Association of Maryland (WBA) is an organization of women and men committed to the full and equal participation of women in the legal profession and in a just society. The WBA believes that a strong community of women in the legal profession is essential to the administration of justice. The mission and goals of the WBA are to:

- Promote and assist women to obtain positions of influence and leadership within their workplace, the legal profession, the judiciary, and the community;
- Raise awareness of and fight biases against women within the community at large, the legal profession, and under the law;
- Promote and effect diversity, equality and justice under the law and within the legal system;
- Support women in the legal profession in their personal and professional lives;
- Provide opportunities for volunteerism and advocacy on issues affecting women;
- Collaborate with other individuals and organizations to improve the status of women;
- Celebrate the individual and collective achievements of women in the legal profession; and
- Promote full and equal participation of women in society by eliminating all forms of discrimination.

RITA C. DAVIDSON AWARD DINNER RECAP



Contributed by Theresa Chernosky

By Danielle Grilli Marcus

On December 12, 2016, the Women's Bar Association held its Midyear Meeting and Rita C. Davidson Award Dinner at the Hotel at Arundel Preserve in Hanover, Maryland. The WBA was honored to present the 31st Rita C. Davidson award to former Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright. The event drew a large crowd of WBA members from Chapters across the state, as well as many supporters.

WBA President, Zoa D. Barnes, led the evening's program by welcoming the attendees and recognizing honored guests and supporters. She also acknowledged the many members of the state and federal judiciary who were in attendance, including Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, the Honorable Shirley M. Watts, the Honorable Michele D. Hotten, the Honorable Sally D. Adkins, the Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia and the Honorable Joseph M. Getty of the Maryland Court of Appeals. Among other distinguished guests, Ms. Barnes also acknowledged Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais, District 15, Montgomery County and Delegate Brooke Lierman, District 46, Baltimore City.

The Honorable Margaret M. Schweitzer, Associate Judge, District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County, and President-Elect of the WBA, presented the "Recognition" portion of the program. Judge Schweitzer explained the meaning and background of the Rita C. Davidson Award, and described the impressive accomplishments of Rita C. Davidson, a longtime WBA member, and its first recipient. Prior to her death, Rita C. Davidson was a "woman of many firsts:" including being the first woman to serve in the Maryland Governor's Cabinet in 1970, the first woman appointed to Court of Special Appeals in 1972; and the first woman appointed to Maryland's highest court in 1979. Judge Schweitzer emphasized Rita C. Davidson's passion for the law and her tireless work on behalf of the disadvantaged. Quoting the words of a colleague and friend of the first recipient, Judge Schweitzer noted that Rita C. Davidson "knew well the adage that one act of injustice tilts the scales of the universe in the direction of evil," and that Rita C. Davidson "spent the rest of her life, tilting them back." Judge Schweitzer concluded by acknowledging those past recipients of the Rita C. Davidson award and past presidents of the WBA who were in attendance, and recognizing the passing of two beloved members of the WBA, the Honorable Rosalyn B. Bell and Magistrate Elaine Patrick.

Danielle Marcus presented the "Reflection" portion of the program with remarks and a presentation with the theme "What Would Secretary Albright Do? 6 Life Lessons Inspired by Madeleine Albright." The presentation focused on the lessons that could be learned from the accomplishments of Secretary Albright, and how those lessons could help everyone in

RITA C. DAVIDSON AWARD DINNER RECAP

accomplishing their own goals. Starting with Secretary Albright's childhood, and the hardships her family endured before immigrating to the United States, the presentation chronicled Secretary Albright's achievements as Ambassador to the United Nations, Secretary of State and beyond. Focusing on Secretary Albright's advice and example to never be afraid to interrupt, embrace one's uniqueness, take intimidation in stride, work hard to help those who follow behind you and to embrace life and have fun, the presentation highlighted with quotes and photos the amazing life's work of Secretary Albright.

The Honorable Anne K. Albright, Associate Judge, Montgomery County Circuit Court, longtime WBA member and proud daughter, then introduced her mother. Judge Albright reminded the attendees that Secretary Albright was not only the first woman to serve as Secretary of State, but also the first mother, and noted that her experience being a mom to three daughters was excellent training for high level diplomacy. Judge Albright recalled that her mother taught her children to never take for granted the privilege of living in the world's greatest democracy, and shared the powerful words in the note her mother gave her when she was sworn in as a judge: "May you use your wisdom and honesty justly to make sure that all get a fair hearing. Always remember that the rule of law is the basis of our democracy." Judge Albright concluded by expressing her appreciation that Secretary Albright not only believed in her, but that "she believes in all of us here tonight, and in what we do. and our ability as women in the legal profession to work together to lift and enrich people's lives."

Secretary Albright then spoke, noting first that she is known in her family as the "mother of all lawyers," and so felt very much at home. Secretary Albright told the crowd how proud she was of her daughter, Judge Albright, and noted that "Judge Albright" had a nice ring to it. Secretary Albright shared, with her trademark wit, that she even fantasized at times about becoming a judge, noting that, "After all, the robes look comfortable, and because of my height, I could certainly benefit from the raised platforms on which most judges are allowed to sit." Secretary Albright said that the one theme that has followed her throughout her career in foreign policy was the importance of the law, stating that "it defines the balance between collective and individual rights. It establishes a connection between each of us and all of us. It is in short, the cornerstone of civilization." If that cornerstone is to bear weight, Secretary Albright stated, that it must have "the integrity that comes from legitimacy, consistency, accessibility and fairness."

Secretary Albright praised the work of the WBA, emphasizing that there is a proven connection between the



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success of women in the legal profession and the quality of women's lives, because "women raise issues that others overlook, pass bills that others oppose, put women into projects others ignore, and seek an end to abuses others accept." Secretary Albright informed the audience that now, more than ever, women's progress cannot go backwards, and that we owe it to generations, past present and future, to pioneers such as Rita Davidson and Senator Barbara Mikulski, to continue to fight for equality. Secretary Albright concluded by saying that, "Progress does happen, but only when women help one another. Because none of us got to where we are on our own, and none of us will get to where we want to go unless we move forward together."

After Secretary Albright's remarks, WBA President Zoa D. Barnes presented Secretary Albright with the Rita C. Davidson Award. Given Madame Secretary's love of pins, the WBA also presented her with a special pin, selected with care by Immediate Past President of the WBA, Diane C. Bristow. The pin, circa 1900, depicts a bowed white ribbon and hammer, and is from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, one of the largest and most influential women's groups of the 19th Century, who later campaigned for women's suffrage. The evening concluded with remarks from Magistrate Hope Tipton, Vice-President of the WBA, who thanked Secretary Albright for "inspiring each and every one of us to go out to lead our life to the fullest" and leave a lasting and positive legacy.

The evening was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of the Rita C. Davidson Award Dinner and Mid-Year Meeting Committee, and the leadership and guidance of Magistrate Hope Tipton. The WBA, and all who attended, were inspired and honored by Secretary Albright's moving words.

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